

**THE LIME PROCESS OF BLASTING.**—A new and interesting method, called the "lime process" has lately been discovered in England for breaking down coal in a mine without running any of the risks inseparable from blasting. The process, which is said by the London Echo to be a decided success, is briefly this: Holes are drilled in the solid coal at intervals near the roof, and into these are inserted "cartridges" of highly compressed very caustic lime. The cartridges are three inches in diameter, and of any desired length, but they are made with a groove into which a small iron pipe can be inserted. The hole being filled and the pipe inserted, it is plugged or tamped to prevent the escape of steam, and a number being ready, a small force-pump is attached by a flexible tube to the pipe and the water forced in, which, seeping, wets the lime. The pipe is then closed by a stopcock, and the same operation repeated at the next hole. The first result is the conversion of the water into steam, which itself tends to force the coal down; but after a time the lime swells with irresistible power, and the sprags being removed, the coal comes down in large blocks. The operation of watering the lime is performed very rapidly, a few minutes sufficing to "fire" any required number of cartridges.

The uncle of Sir Garnet Wolseley's great-grandfather was the Colonel Wolseley who, in the old "No Popery" days, gained the battle of Newtown-butler, and caused the Mayor of Scarborough to be well tossed in a blanket in the market place for making a speech in favor of King James. When Sir Garnet Wolseley was young he was a good deal of a fop in Dublin, as was the Duke of Wellington in his youth, and he used to drive a drag with his brothers daily into Dy-corts repository, now the family seat, near Dublin. He then wore long curls. Time has worked much change. He is now spare, lantern-jawed, with short gray hair, and a blonde mustache. In the field he wears a helmet, wound about with a band of black and red cloth, and a red coat, and a sword with a scabbard of green velvet, and a gray-checked sash. He wears a riding boot and spurs, and a glass, with a yellow case and strap, and a new revolver in a cartridge case; yellow and violet pocket-handkerchiefs, his red coat, a gigan blue spectacles, and flourishes a fan to his face. Argonaut.

A postoffice agent was inspecting the office at Iron Rod, Montana, which consisted of a saloon, a postoffice room and a faro bank. A hard-looking case emptied the mail bag on the floor, the crowd overhauling the letters, registered and all selecting what they wanted, and the rest were dumped into a candle-box. "Where's the postmaster?" asked the agent of the bar-tender. "Out mining." "Where is the assistant postmaster?" "Gone to Hell's Canon; and, by thunder, Bill Jones has got to run this office next week. It's his turn." The government official demanded the keys of the office. The bar-tender coolly took the candle-box from the bar, placed it on the floor, and gave it a kick, sending it out of the door. "There's your postoffice; and now give me the agent says: "Knowing the country, I lost no time in giving this advice, and got." Why the postoffice at Iron Rod is discontinued. Argonaut.

of language: Mlle. Berthe is a young, but who is charming, but which of the two? asked one of the party. "I prefer Mlle. Berthe," replied Berthe, "but I prefer Mlle. Berthe." The Daily and Weekly Examiner.

Fuller Wenham, "but the state of his illness wouldn't!" The sorrowful tree, so called because it flourishes only at night, grows upon the islands of Gos, near Bombay. The flowers, which have a fragrant odor, appear after sunset the year round, and close up or fall off as the sun rises. Venice and Amsterdam are the cities of bridges. The first has 450, the last 300. London has 15, Vienna 20, and Berlin will soon have 50. Altogether the most beautiful bridge in Europe is that over the Moldau at Prague.

"Do you know in what month of the year my wife talks the least?" "Well, I suppose when she catches cold and loses her voice." "Not at all. It is in February." "Why is that?" "Because February has the fewest days."

Sympathy.—Paterfamilias: "I see it says here, my dear, that the Household Troops haven't been abroad on service since the Battle of Waterloo." Our cook: "Lawk, Marm! What a shame for Gov'ment to send them poor old men out to the wars again!" Punch.

A sad-eyed man, says Bill Nye, the other night fell out of his bed into the aisle of a Pullman car and skinned his knee. He now claims that he was lame from his berth. When he passes Carbon he will be hung by request.

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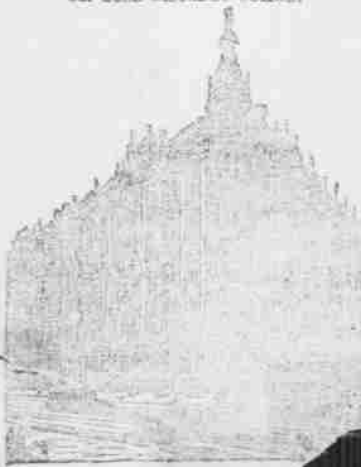
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